(c) Passport applications pending as on 1-5-1986 in the Passport Offices in Andhra Pradesh are:—

(i) Vijayawada 3,941

(ii) Hyderabad 7,400

Steps taken for disposal of pending applications are:—

(i) Passports are issued within a week after receipt of clear Identity verification and security verification reports from the Police authorities.

(ii) Instructions have been given to the Passport Officer to issue short-term passports in respect of passport applications which are pending for over 6 months and in respect of which clear security verification reports have been received, but Identity verification reports are awaited.

(iii) The Passport Officer has been instructed to issue periodical reminders to the concerned State Police authorities to expedite return of passport verification forms.

Establishment of atomic reactor in Andhra Pradesh

1322. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish an atomic reactor in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) A final decision on the report of Site Selection Committee set up by the Department of Atomic Energy for selection of sites for locating future atomic power stations in the Southern Electricity Region, of which Andhra Pradesh is a constituent State, is yet to be taken by Government.

Grant of permission of import of SKD, CJD and other components to a local Delhi firm

1323. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed a local Delhi firm to import SKD/CJD/ substantial components to enable the firm to assemble thousands of black and white TV sets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the firm has assembled the sets for sale by a public sector corporation; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government policy does not favour kit imports. Thus, import of all consumer goods in SKD condition and populated/loaded/stuffed Printed Circuit Boards are in Appendix 2, Part 'B' (List of Restricted items) of the Import and Export Policy 1985-88. Further, Appendix 3, Part 'A' (List of limited permissible items, raw material, components, consumables, tools and spares) of the Import policy, permits only limited quantities of kits/ sub-assemblies/modules etc; and this is essentially to facilitate initial understanding of the integration process, reverse engineering, etc. Import of discrete components is regulated in

terms of the provisions of the Import & Export Policy, 1985—88.

(c) Does not arise.

Remote sensing survey of the hilly areas in Andhra Pradesh

1324. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a remote sensing survey of the hilly areas in Andhra Pradesh has been carried out;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative whether Government propose to carry out a survey in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) 1. Remote Sesing Surveys of hilly areas in many parts of Andhra Pradesh have been conducted.

2.1 Satellite based integrated natural resources survey of almost entire State of Andhra Pradesh, including hilly areas, was carried out by the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) in 1977-78. Colour coded maps were used by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Command Area Development Authorities for Pochampad, Nagarjunasagar and Tungabhadra high level canal.

2.2 Broad forest cover of the entire State of Andhra Pradesh was also mapped as a part of the nation-wide vegetation mapping exercise carried out by NRSA in 1983. The forest map is being used by the Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh for identifying the degraded forest for their development and afforestation programme. The wastelands of the entire State were mapped using LANDSAT (American Remote Sensing Satellite) imageries in a similar nation-wide effort during 1985-86. These maps are used by the National Wasteland Development Board (NWDB) as a first level data base.

2.3 Detailed forest type maps of Nallamalai hills region were carried out using 1:25,000 scale aerial photographs. These maps are used for assessment of growing stock and estimation of Bamboo culms for Nallamalai industrial catchment.

2.4 Forest map on 1:25,000 scale and ground water potential zone map on 1:25,000 scale of Godavari basin covering an area of 6000 sq. Km were prepared using LANDSAT imagery and aerial photographs.

2.5 Soil survey of hilly and plain area of Macherla taluk of Guntur district was carried out using aerial photographs in 1,25,000 for land irrigability mapping. This map has been prepared for the Agricultural Department of Andhra Pradesh.

2.6 The Institute for Coastal and Offshore Research (INCOR) has carried out natural resources survey of parts of Eastern Ghats falling in Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts using remotely sensed data.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (a) and (b) above.

Development of waste land

1325. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount allocated for development of waste land and social forestry schemes for the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 and the share of Andhra Pradesh in those schemes; and

(b) the achievements so far made in the implementation of these schemes and the targets for the year 1986-87?